HV1CN VATICAN CITY

CQ WORLD WIDE CONTESTS

PHONE	**October 28th-30th, 1961**	Total Contacts: 758
CW	**November 25th-27th, 1961**	Total Contacts: 1986

RADIO W9YT **CONFIRMING CW** ✓ **2XSSB** _____

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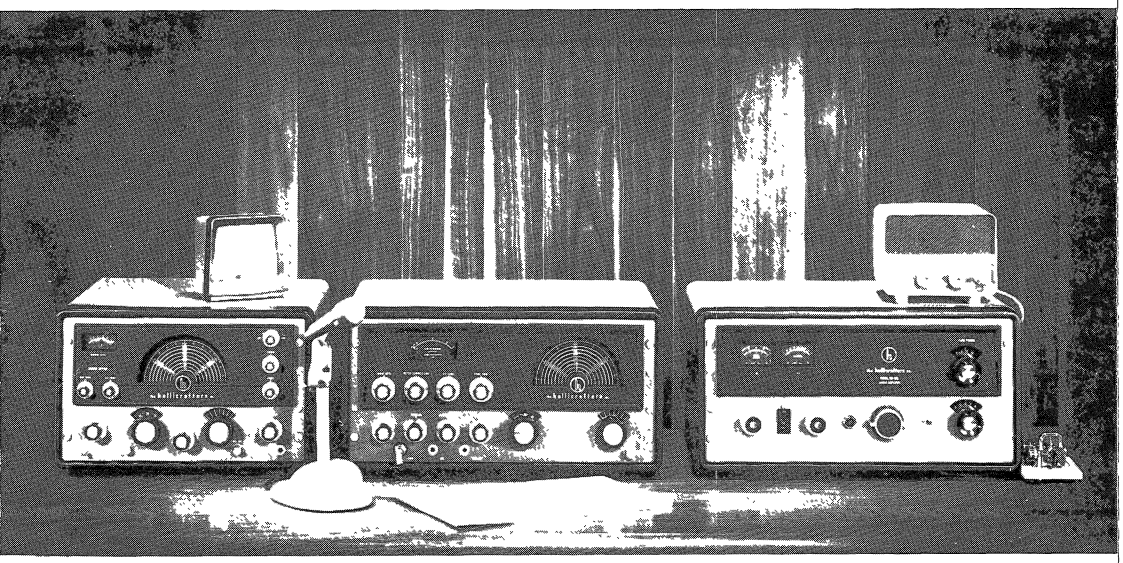

History of HV1CN, Vatican City

The Vatican Radio Station celebrated its *30th* anniversary on February 12th, 1961. His Holiness, Pope John *XXIII* received its Jesuit directed staff of 200 broadcasters and technicians on this anniversary date. Thirty years is a short time in the history of the Church, but for Radio Vatican, it has been a period of immense growth, it's first equipment being installed by radio's inventor, Guglielmo Marconi.

During World War II, the station became an important part of the Holy See's program to aid military and civilian war victims. It devoted more than 12,000 broadcasting hours to transmit 240,000 messages and appeals for information from war prisoners, dispersed families and refugees. Broadcasts are transmitted 23½ hours per day, seven days per week.

Vatican Radio's biggest expansion came after World War II. Catholics the world over contributed money to increase the power and effectiveness of the station. Today there are a number of transmitters and 29 antennas in operation. Another transmitter, the gift of the people of the Cologne Archdiocese in Germany will be installed soon to provide more effective programs for central and southern Africa.

Headquarters of the station is an ancient but remodelled tower on the top of Vatican Hill. Its studios are spacious and handsomely fitted out. In one studio there is the master control panel so designed that when there is a special ceremony in St. Peter's basilica, broadcasters of nine languages can work simultaneously with others in St. Peter's to bring the function to millions in their own native language.

Reverend Professor Antonio Stefanizzi, S. J., heads Radio Vatican. He is a graduate of the University of Naples and did postgraduate work at Fordham University of New York under Nobel Prize winner, Victor Hess.

The Amateur Radio Station of Radio Vatican HV1CN was equipped with Hallicrafters transmitters, receivers and amplifiers, and E-V microphones. Radio Vatican maintains the HV1CN operation for the benefit of the many thousands of amateurs throughout the world who have not yet made contact with the station. It also plans to continue activities in all competitive C.W. and phone contests under the guidance of Domenico Petti and Maxwell Meyers, W2BIB. Amateur Radio is recognized as a necessity for the promulgation of peace and understanding throughout the world.